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HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

## SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

## SOUTH DAKOTA

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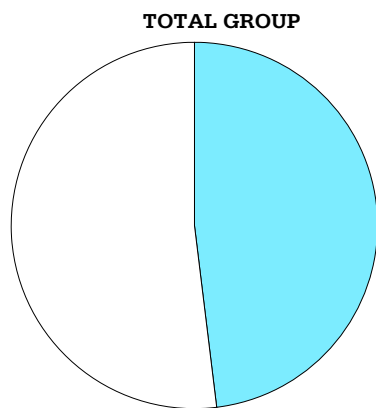


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

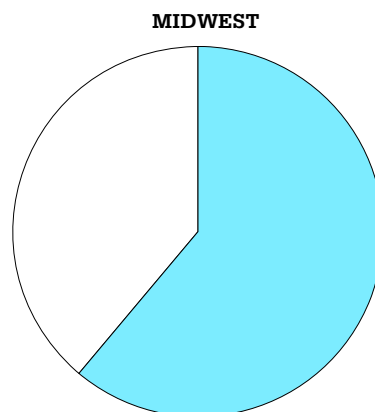
The PSAT/NMSQT College Readiness Benchmark represents the score that a student should meet or exceed to be considered on track to be college ready (for more information about benchmarks, check out [www.collegeboard.org/results](http://www.collegeboard.org/results)). The pie charts below show the percentage of students in the nation, your region, and your state who have met the PSAT/NMSQT composite score benchmark (142 for juniors and 133 for sophomores).

Use this information in combination with the optional Student Data File CD to identify students who may need extra support or who may be ready for more rigorous course work. In addition, PSAT/NMSQT Summary of Answers and Skills (SOAS) reports can help you target skills to improve with aggregate skills feedback.



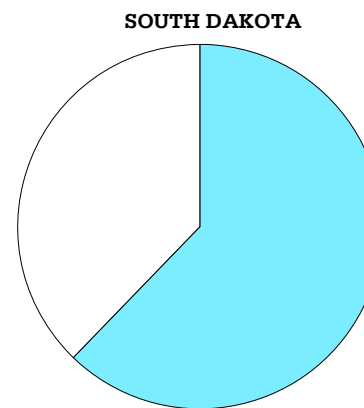
**College Ready 48.0 %**

**Total Students 1,595,486**



**College Ready 61.0 %**

**Total Students 221,269**



**College Ready 62.2 %**

**Total Students 2,227**

**TABLE 1: NUMBER OF JUNIORS TAKING THE PSAT/NMSQT®**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	750,929	47.2	99,828	45.2	911	40.9
Female	839,350	52.8	120,882	54.8	1,314	59.1
No Response	5,207		559		2	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,595,486</b>		<b>221,269</b>		<b>2,227</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	12,145	0.8	1,070	0.5	48	2.2
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	144,275	9.5	12,886	6.0	49	2.2
Black or African American	181,712	12.0	21,085	9.8	25	1.1
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	311,728	20.5	13,068	6.1	46	2.1
White	811,645	53.5	161,067	74.9	1,984	90.8
Other	56,542	3.7	5,776	2.7	32	1.5
No Response	77,439		6,317		43	

**TABLE 3: PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE®**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,374,684	86.2	195,327	88.3	2,031	91.2
No	220,802	13.8	25,942	11.7	196	8.8

**TABLE 4: SELF-REPORTED GRADE AVERAGE**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	72,120	4.9	13,944	6.6	221	10.2
A (93-96)	324,984	21.9	62,700	29.5	853	39.3
A- (90-92)	316,047	21.3	48,277	22.7	446	20.5
B+ (87-89)	266,041	17.9	32,014	15.0	280	12.9
B (83-86)	242,019	16.3	28,440	13.4	215	9.9
B- (80-82)	119,934	8.1	11,879	5.6	79	3.6
C+ (77-79)	78,252	5.3	8,182	3.8	35	1.6
C (73-76)	44,148	3.0	5,148	2.4	28	1.3
C- (70-72)	14,436	1.0	1,457	0.7	7	0.3
D+ (67-69)	4,553	0.3	441	0.2	3	0.1
D (65-66)	2,330	0.2	251	0.1	3	0.1
E or F (Below 65)	1,068	0.1	74	0.0	1	0.0
No Response	109,554		8,462		56	

**TABLE 5: YEAR COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTERING COLLEGE**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	10,077	0.6	674	0.3	5	0.2
2016	1,529,666	97.6	216,815	98.7	2,202	98.9
2017	13,401	0.9	1,130	0.5	14	0.6
After 2017	4,382	0.3	366	0.2	1	0.0
Not Planning College	9,240	0.6	709	0.3	4	0.2
No Response	28,720		1,575		1	

**TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - CRITICAL READING**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	12,269	0.8	1,912	0.9	14	0.6
70-74	40,435	2.5	6,944	3.1	42	1.9
65-69	50,059	3.1	8,968	4.1	68	3.1
60-64	132,960	8.3	24,710	11.2	240	10.8
55-59	151,282	9.5	27,229	12.3	318	14.3
50-54	262,519	16.5	45,608	20.6	498	22.4
45-49	241,246	15.1	36,146	16.3	390	17.5
40-44	277,848	17.4	34,123	15.4	356	16.0
35-39	205,506	12.9	19,363	8.8	192	8.6
30-34	123,731	7.8	9,662	4.4	66	3.0
25-29	65,274	4.1	4,329	2.0	37	1.7
20-24	32,357	2.0	2,275	1.0	6	0.3
TOTAL	1,595,486		221,269		2,227	
Mean Score	46.9		49.9		50.0	
STD. DEV.	11.3		10.6		9.4	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	27,200	1.7	4,166	1.9	24	1.1
70-74	39,427	2.5	6,677	3.0	43	1.9
65-69	99,827	6.3	19,399	8.8	162	7.3
60-64	117,266	7.3	22,598	10.2	240	10.8
55-59	190,357	11.9	34,390	15.5	424	19.0
50-54	238,624	15.0	38,368	17.3	443	19.9
45-49	300,608	18.8	41,136	18.6	461	20.7
40-44	206,440	12.9	23,354	10.6	229	10.3
35-39	205,350	12.9	18,645	8.4	154	6.9
30-34	92,785	5.8	7,166	3.2	27	1.2
25-29	52,906	3.3	3,611	1.6	12	0.5
20-24	24,696	1.5	1,759	0.8	8	0.4
TOTAL	1,595,486		221,269		2,227	
Mean Score	48.6		51.8		52.3	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.1		9.5	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	14,474	0.9	1,761	0.8	4	0.2
70-74	30,945	1.9	4,718	2.1	26	1.2
65-69	58,912	3.7	9,965	4.5	77	3.5
60-64	80,202	5.0	14,605	6.6	130	5.8
55-59	164,768	10.3	30,594	13.8	331	14.9
50-54	180,999	11.3	32,527	14.7	330	14.8
45-49	277,129	17.4	43,596	19.7	452	20.3
40-44	258,258	16.2	34,486	15.6	381	17.1
35-39	258,214	16.2	28,263	12.8	334	15.0
30-34	133,110	8.3	10,999	5.0	107	4.8
25-29	75,906	4.8	5,478	2.5	34	1.5
20-24	62,569	3.9	4,277	1.9	21	0.9
TOTAL	1,595,486		221,269		2,227	
Mean Score	45.3		48.1		47.7	
STD. DEV.	11.8		10.9		9.8	

**TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - MALE - CRITICAL READING**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,317	0.8	1,001	1.0	6	0.7
70-74	21,196	2.8	3,640	3.6	26	2.9
65-69	25,304	3.4	4,592	4.6	30	3.3
60-64	63,762	8.5	11,703	11.7	108	11.9
55-59	69,523	9.3	12,182	12.2	142	15.6
50-54	117,103	15.6	19,586	19.6	193	21.2
45-49	107,379	14.3	15,461	15.5	148	16.2
40-44	125,592	16.7	14,638	14.7	132	14.5
35-39	96,906	12.9	8,818	8.8	73	8.0
30-34	63,366	8.4	4,660	4.7	33	3.6
25-29	35,911	4.8	2,283	2.3	16	1.8
20-24	18,570	2.5	1,264	1.3	4	0.4
TOTAL	750,929		99,828		911	
Mean Score	46.7		50.1		50.5	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.0		10.0	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	17,909	2.4	2,876	2.9	15	1.6
70-74	24,544	3.3	4,317	4.3	28	3.1
65-69	58,730	7.8	11,294	11.3	92	10.1
60-64	63,734	8.5	11,884	11.9	120	13.2
55-59	95,622	12.7	16,265	16.3	194	21.3
50-54	110,359	14.7	16,215	16.2	176	19.3
45-49	129,882	17.3	16,106	16.1	142	15.6
40-44	85,201	11.3	8,615	8.6	77	8.5
35-39	85,862	11.4	6,921	6.9	54	5.9
30-34	41,404	5.5	2,977	3.0	6	0.7
25-29	25,099	3.3	1,570	1.6	4	0.4
20-24	12,583	1.7	788	0.8	3	0.3
TOTAL	750,929		99,828		911	
Mean Score	49.8		53.5		54.2	
STD. DEV.	12.4		11.6		9.7	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,479	0.9	761	0.8	3	0.3
70-74	13,265	1.8	2,041	2.0	8	0.9
65-69	25,009	3.3	4,181	4.2	31	3.4
60-64	34,324	4.6	6,112	6.1	45	4.9
55-59	71,197	9.5	12,938	13.0	116	12.7
50-54	79,747	10.6	14,034	14.1	127	13.9
45-49	125,954	16.8	19,559	19.6	193	21.2
40-44	120,231	16.0	15,792	15.8	156	17.1
35-39	125,467	16.7	13,451	13.5	158	17.3
30-34	69,329	9.2	5,568	5.6	46	5.0
25-29	42,639	5.7	2,935	2.9	18	2.0
20-24	37,288	5.0	2,456	2.5	10	1.1
TOTAL	750,929		99,828		911	
Mean Score	44.4		47.4		46.8	
STD. DEV.	12.0		11.1		9.8	



**TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - FEMALE - CRITICAL READING**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,939	0.7	910	0.8	8	0.6
70-74	19,179	2.3	3,294	2.7	16	1.2
65-69	24,680	2.9	4,363	3.6	38	2.9
60-64	68,995	8.2	12,966	10.7	132	10.0
55-59	81,466	9.7	14,996	12.4	175	13.3
50-54	144,823	17.3	25,938	21.5	304	23.1
45-49	133,262	15.9	20,609	17.0	242	18.4
40-44	151,249	18.0	19,378	16.0	224	17.0
35-39	107,685	12.8	10,467	8.7	119	9.1
30-34	59,661	7.1	4,950	4.1	33	2.5
25-29	28,896	3.4	2,022	1.7	21	1.6
20-24	13,515	1.6	989	0.8	2	0.2
TOTAL	839,350		120,882		1,314	
Mean Score	47.2		49.8		49.6	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.1		9.1	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	9,262	1.1	1,287	1.1	9	0.7
70-74	14,848	1.8	2,354	1.9	15	1.1
65-69	40,965	4.9	8,080	6.7	70	5.3
60-64	53,359	6.4	10,681	8.8	119	9.1
55-59	94,379	11.2	18,060	14.9	229	17.4
50-54	127,719	15.2	22,078	18.3	267	20.3
45-49	169,815	20.2	24,913	20.6	319	24.3
40-44	120,438	14.3	14,665	12.1	152	11.6
35-39	118,531	14.1	11,657	9.6	100	7.6
30-34	50,749	6.0	4,142	3.4	21	1.6
25-29	27,391	3.3	2,013	1.7	8	0.6
20-24	11,894	1.4	952	0.8	5	0.4
TOTAL	839,350		120,882		1,314	
Mean Score	47.6		50.4		51.0	
STD. DEV.	11.2		10.5		9.0	

**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	7,982	1.0	999	0.8	1	0.1
70-74	17,655	2.1	2,674	2.2	18	1.4
65-69	33,832	4.0	5,772	4.8	46	3.5
60-64	45,764	5.5	8,474	7.0	85	6.5
55-59	93,261	11.1	17,599	14.6	214	16.3
50-54	100,894	12.0	18,444	15.3	203	15.4
45-49	150,475	17.9	23,936	19.8	258	19.6
40-44	137,187	16.3	18,596	15.4	225	17.1
35-39	131,705	15.7	14,709	12.2	176	13.4
30-34	63,051	7.5	5,381	4.5	61	4.6
25-29	32,766	3.9	2,506	2.1	16	1.2
20-24	24,778	3.0	1,792	1.5	11	0.8
TOTAL	839,350		120,882		1,314	
Mean Score	46.2		48.7		48.2	
STD. DEV.	11.6		10.7		9.7	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			MIDWEST			SOUTH DAKOTA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	4.2	5.8	3.1
Architecture	1.3	1.9	0.8	1.2	1.8	0.7	1.4	2.3	0.8
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2
Biological Sciences	5.5	4.3	6.5	5.4	4.2	6.4	4.4	3.3	5.1
Business Management	9.7	12.0	7.7	9.7	12.8	7.2	6.2	8.1	4.8
Communication & Journalism	1.8	1.4	2.3	1.8	1.4	2.2	1.1	0.3	1.6
Computer/Information Science	2.9	5.4	0.7	2.8	5.5	0.6	2.4	5.5	0.2
Education	3.2	1.0	5.1	4.1	1.5	6.3	4.4	2.0	6.1
Engineering	11.3	20.0	3.9	11.9	21.1	4.4	9.7	19.8	2.7
Engineering Technologies	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.0	2.0	0.2	1.0	2.3	0.2
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.1	0.5	1.6	1.2	0.2	1.9
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.6
Foreign Languages	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
Health Professions/Sciences	19.2	10.3	27.0	21.7	11.7	29.8	28.3	15.5	37.2
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.6	1.0
Legal Professions & Studies	2.0	1.7	2.2	1.9	1.7	2.1	1.7	2.1	1.5
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
Military Technologies	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.6	1.2	0.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.6
Natural Resources	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.5	1.0	0.2
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.6	1.1	0.2	0.6	1.1	0.2
Personal & Culinary Services	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.2
Physical Sciences	1.4	1.9	1.0	1.6	2.3	1.1	1.8	2.7	1.2
Psychology	4.0	1.8	5.9	3.9	1.8	5.6	3.5	1.5	4.9
Social Service Professions	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.9	0.8	0.0	1.3
Security/Protective Services	4.2	4.5	3.9	2.9	3.3	2.6	1.9	2.4	1.6
Social Sciences	2.0	1.6	2.4	2.0	1.6	2.3	1.8	1.0	2.3
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	8.1	6.8	9.2	7.1	5.8	8.2	6.2	4.5	7.3
Other	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.1	2.2	1.9	1.5	2.4	0.9
Undecided	10.9	11.8	10.2	10.3	11.0	9.8	10.9	11.4	10.5
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,458,790			210,035			2,172		

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